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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-13, 15-17, 19-34, 37-43, 45 and 46 remain in this application. New Claim 48 has been added. Claims 1, 10 and 12 have been amended. Claims 8, 9, 18, 44 and 47 are cancelled. Claims 4, 14, 24, 25, 35 and 36 have been previously cancelled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed study of the application and notes the claim objections for claims 1, 12, 44 and 47 and the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-7, 11-13, 15-17, 21, 44 and 47 as unpatentable over 6,192,109 to Amrany et al. (hereinafter "Amrany") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,623,543 to Cook or Amrany-Cook in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,426,961 to Nimmagadda. Applicant also notes the allowable subject matter of claims 8-10 and 18-20 and the allowance of claims 22, 23, 26-34, 37-43, 45 and 46.

At the outset, claims 1 and 12 have been amended to place the case in condition for allowance by adding the recitation of "testing the telephone local loop" before the step of determining the physical loop faults within the local loop to overcome the initial objection regarding the testing of the local loop. Also, claims 1 and 12 have been amended to recite the allowable subject matter taken from respective claims 8 and 18, which are now cancelled. Also, new claim 48 has been added that recites the subject matter of claim 1 before this Amendment and claim 9 regarding the testing of the local loop and the quantifying of the local loop. The rejected independent claims 44 and 47 have been cancelled.

Applicant contends that the present case is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner mail a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due.

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If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions for placing this case in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

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